July 25, 2005

Ms. Brianna Bosse 7260 Shadeland Station Indianapolis, IN 46256

Re: Initial Consistency Determination US Steel WWTP Demolition (dated June 2, 2004; file complete June 9, 2005)

Dear Ms. Bosse:

This letter is to inform you that the Lake Michigan Coastal Program has found in its initial determination that this project is consistent with the laws of Indiana. Please note that upon issuance of this initial determination there is an additional Public Comment Period of 5 days in duration. We will issue a final determination of consistency by August 10, 2005. This initial determination indicates that the applicable state regulatory agencies have reviewed the information provided and find that this project does not violate any applicable state laws. Please note that this does not relieve you of the requirement to obtain the appropriate state and federal permits.

Our partners at IDEM stated that: "Our only concern would be the disposal of the wastewater that may still exist within the treatment plant. If this water is discharged to surface waters, it would have to be disposed of in accordance with our NPDES rules.

Also, it is likely that the treatment plant contains sludge that will need disposed. The responsible party would need to contact Jeff Harmon in the Office of Land Quality at 317-232-8735 or email him at jharmon@idem.in.gov to determine the disposal requirements."

We suggest that you contact the appropriate party within IDEM to address these concerns, if you have not already.

Should you have any questions regarding this determination please feel free to contact me either via email at mmolnar@dnr.in.gov or via phone at 317-233-0132.

Sincerely

Mike Molnar Lake Michigan Coastal Program Manager, Federal Consistency Coordinator

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